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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF DG'S STATEMENT AT BG MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 1976 RE REPORTING SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION TO BOARD:

QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE BOARD THAT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE STANDING ADVISORY GROUP ON SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION TOOK PLACE FROM 10 TO 12 DECEMBER 1975. THE GROUP DISCUSSED ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, METHODS OF WORK AND FUTURE PROGRAMME.

QUOTE THE SECRETARIAT SUBMITTED TWO PAPERS TO THE GROUP. THE FIRST DEALT WITH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SAFEGUARDS THAT THE AGENCY IS APPLYING TO LIGHT WATER REACTOR TYPE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND TO LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS WHICH PROVIDE ASSEMBLIES FOR LIGHT ATER REACTORS. I INDICATED THAT ANALYSES OF THE SAFEGUARDS THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO OTHER TYPES OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GROUP IN DUE COURSE. UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTE THE DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER ON LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS WAS ESSENTIALLY OF A PRELIMINARY CHARACTER. THE GROUP WILL, THEREFORE, RETURN TO THE MATTER AT ITS MEETINGS FROM 31 MAY TO 4 JUNE THIS YEAR, AND SEEK TO ARRIVE AT A SERIES OF RECOMMENATIONS WHICH I HOPE WILL REPRESENT A CONSENSUS OF VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE.

OUOTE THE SECOND PAPER THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE GROUP DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING TO THE BOARD ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS. AS NUCLEAR POWER EXPANDS AND MORE FACILITIES AND MATERIALS ARE TO BE SAFEGUARDED, INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDS IS STEADILY AND RAPIDLY INCREASING. IT IS ESSENTIAL. THEREFORE, THAT THE BOARD SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ASSURANCES AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SAFEGUARDS OPERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, I INTEND TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD IN FUTURE PERIODIC REPORTS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES OF VARIOUS TYPES AND ON THE AMOUNT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS PERHAPS REGARDING VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS. FURTHERMORE, THESE REPORTS WILL INDICATE THE VERIFICATION EFFORTS THAT THE AGENCY HAS CARRIED OUT DURING THE PREVIOUS PERIOD, AS WELL AS SUM-MARIZED QUANTITATIVE CONCLUSIONS, IF POSSIBLE, AND ANY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES.

QUOTE BEFORE DEFINING MORE PRECISLY THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT, I WISHED TO HAVE THE GROUP'S ADVICE ON THE MATTER. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AND THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO THIS AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

QUOTE IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE BOARD WILL, OF COURSE, BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS IN DOCUMENTS INFCIRC/66/REV.2 AND INFCIRC/153 REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECRETS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT COMES TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AGENCY IN IMPLMENTING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS. UNQUOTE.TAPE

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